(c) what was the amount recovered or paid under the Drug Prices Equalisation Accounts from each of the manufacturers; and

(d) what are the names of the manufacturers and the drugs in respect of which they are to pay into the Drug Prices Equalisation Account.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (d) The prices of about 350 bulk drugs are controlled under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979. The details required in the question relate to a fairly long period and are not readily available. The time and efforts required for collection of these will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

**Different prices of same bulk drug**

1654. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) wheher the option to choose rate of return under the new measures would amount to fixation of different prices for the same bulk drugs;

(b) how such a scheme would be in conformity with the Essential Commodities Act;

(c) how tariff mechanism could be used in such a situation to protect indigenous producers of bulk drugs;

(d) whether partial controlling of prices of some drugs would not be discriminatory;

(e) if so, whether any legal opinion has been obtained on this issue;

(f) if so, what are the details thereof;

(g) whether it is a fact that the proposed measures are not practical and can be challenged in a Court of Law; and

(h) if so, on what basis these measures are being proposed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (h) The New Drugs Price Control Order incorporating the measures is yet to be announced by the Government.

**Recovery of amount under DPEA**

1655. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of cases where the amount due under Drugs Prices Equalisation Account has been finalised;

(b) whether his Ministry has issued instructions to the concerned collectors for collecting the amount as an arrear of land revenue in those cases;

(c) if so, on which date instructions were issued alongwith the details of amount and the name of the party; and

(d) if not, what steps are being taken to fix the responsibility for not issuing the instructions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (d) M/s. Fulford India is required to pay an amount of Rs. 194.62 lakhs. The company has filed a writ petition in the Delhi High Court against the recovery and has so far paid an amount of Rs. 50 lakhs into the Drug Prices Equalisation Account as per directions from the Supreme Court. In another case of M/s. Warner Hindustan, the concerned revenue authorities have already been requested to recover the amount of Rs. 106.36 lakhs from the company for being deposited into the Drug Prices Equalisation Account. Necessary action as per due process of law has been taken wherever necessary.

**Prices of decontrolled medicines**

1656. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry under Para 5.2 of measures announced in December, 1986 proposed to increase the mark up from 40 per cent, 55 per cent, 60 per cent and upto 100 per cent to 75 per cent and 100 per cent for medicines under price control;

(b) whether his Ministry has worked out the price increase effect on the consumer;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) whether it is also a fact that under the same para, his Minisry has proposed to decontrol the prices of many more medicines;

(e) whether it is a fact that in the past the prices of price decontrolled medicines went up by around 200 per cent on an average; and

(f) if so, what percentage increase is expected as a result of this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b), (c) and (f) No precise estimates of future prices of medicines can be given at this stage.

(d) The new DPCO is still to be announced.

(e) The prices of some decontrolled medicines went up in the past.

**Rising prices of Drugs and Medicines**

1657. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the rising prices of drugs and medicines;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to make available drugs and medicines at cheaper prices within easy reach of the common man;

(c) whether Government have any proposal to subsidise the cost of Medicines and drugs; and

(d) if so what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) With a view to ensure adequate availability of essential drugs at reasonable prices, the Government announced certain measures in December, 1986. The details of these measures are contained in the booklet "Measures for Rationalisation, Quality Control and Growth of Drugs and Pharmaceutical Industry" copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

**Import of Terbutaline**

1658. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of Terbutaline an anti-asthamatic drug is much more than the total requirement of the country;

(b) what was its production during the last two years and what is the estimated requirement of the country; and

(c) what are the reasons for not banning the import of this drug?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b). The production of Terbutaline during the last two years was as follows:

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| 1984-85 | 370 KGs. |
| 1985-86 | 397 KGs. |

Demand keeps varying and is dependent on a number of factors.

(c) Decision to ban imports of an item is taken after examining the various factors including demand and availability.

**Biogas plants in Gujarat**

1659. SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the plans, projects, estimates and programmes for providing and setting up of bio-gas plants in Baroda, Broach, Surat, Valsad Amreli, Bhavanagar, Rajkot and other districts of Gujarat during 1st September, 1987 to 31st December, 1987;

(b) the number of bio-gas plants which at present exist in the above mentioned districts;

(c) how many bio-gas plants are set up in each of the above districts during 1st January, 1983 to 31st July 1987 year-wise;

(d) the quantum and amount of subsidy now given on setting up bio-gas plants;

(e) how much amount was given as subsidy during 1981 to 1987 year-wise; and

(f) what steps have been taken to raise subsidy and for providing more and more bio-gas plants in Gujarat and in the country?